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A True and Certain RELATION OF

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The ſtrange diſcovery and ſudden apprehending of the three grand Traytors, Colonel *Oky*, Colonel *Barkſtead*, and *Mil s Corbet*, on Sunday night laſt, at

Delft in Holland;

BY

Sir George Downing, Major Miles, and

ſeveral other *Engliſh* Gentlemen. The Demands of Sir *George Downing* to the States of *Holland*, in the Name of His Majeſty the King of Great Brittain: The Order granted thereupon; and the ſecuring the Traytors aboard the *Blackamore* Frigot, and landing them at *Harwich* in *Eſſex*, having a ſtrong Guard to convey them to the Tower of *London:* With their ſeveral Speeches when they were ſurprized; and the ſtrange Workings and Purgings of *Miles Corbet* upwards and downwards.

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A true Relation of the taking of Col. Okey, Col. Barkstead, and MILES CORBET, AT DELFT IN HOLLAND.

Honoured Sir,

HAving so fair an Opportunity and remarkable Intelligence to accompany my Packquets, I cannot but represent you with the glad tidings of apprehending of 3 notorious Regicides, on Sunday last about 8 in the evening, at Delft,

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which gives great occasion of rejoycing to all the Kings friends in these parts, and a very high esteem of Sir George Downing, his Majesties Resident at the Hague, by whose industry and prudent care, *Barkstead*, Okey, and Corbet, were all three apprehended in the house Peter Vandelet at Delft; the manner thus: Sir George having intelligence where these three notorious Traytors were harboured, addrest himself to the States General, demanding in the name of his Master the King of Great *Brittain*, an Order for the apprehending them, which they immedirtely granted, and he himself went in person to see the same put in execution, being accompanied by Major Miles, and about 40 English Gentlemen, who coming to the aforesaid place and knocking at the door, immediately rushed in with Sword and Pistol, where these 3 Traytors were sitting by the fire with a Cup of Beer and Pipe of Tobacco, which they perceiving started up, and endeavoured to get out at a back door; but were prevented through the great care and prudence of the afore-named Sir George Downing, notwith-

withstanding the many excuses made; for invisible John Barkstead being made visible, desired to go up stairs to fetch his Coat, and he would be with them presently but they would not let him. Col. Okey craved leave to go to the house of Easement, and Miles Cornet the like, but all in vain; which sudden seizure the latter perceiving, his body fell to Purging upwards and downwards, causing a notable strong scent in the Nostrils of many, in which pitiful case both he and the rest were carried to the common Goal, and each of them put into a several place, where they remained close Prisoners till such time that Sir George gave a memorial to the States of desiring those Traytors might be delivered to be sent for England, and accordingly had an Order to the Officers of Justice, to deliver up the prisoners, which was accordingly done, and on Tuesday last they were carried aboard the Blackamore Frigot, in order to their transport for England; where we shall leave them at present, onely thus much is observable; That these Regicides to raise themselves were very severe to all people; for,

No liberty was granted to the Subject, unless it were that of Conscience, and that was denied to unto the Orthodox and Loyal party. The people were robbed of all Lawes, Rights, and Priviledges; nay oftentimes of their Lives, whilest they like Tirants insulted over them. The Citizens were so fleeced and pilled, that had these inhumane barbarous Wretches continued much longer, they would have sent London into the Countrey a begging. To say, God save the King, was a crime as black as any forbidden in the Decalogue; but so long as that was prohibited publickly and privately, it was in vain to cry out, God speed the Plough or expect any blessing from the Superiour power. Their Infernal Plots would have wrought our ruine, had not Divine Providence cut them off. They thought it not enough to scourge us, but the Whip must lie before them. It was not sufficient that they should be the cause of our woes, but would make us untrusse whilest they lasht us. In vain it was for the acutest Wit to plead Law or reason against the Sword: And during the

the Uſurpation of theſe Tyrants, what a chaos of confuſion beſpread the face of the whole Nation? How was all the Land benegroed with more then the Ægyptian darkneſs of perſecution? The whole Land was Entombed in Deſpair, and little or no hope of a Reſurrection, till it was wrought by a Divine Hand, and the chief Grandees made Examples to the World.

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Postscript.

SInce the receipt of the precedent Intelligence, by another expreſs, it is certified; That the aforeſaid Bloody Traitors are landed at Harwich in Eſſex, and have a ſtrong Guard appointed to convey them from thence to the Tower of London, in order to a Tryal, for their moſt wicked and unparallel'd actings againſt our late Gracious Sovereign Lord King CHARLES the Firſt, of ever bleſſed Memory.